

OLD DOC YAK SUPPLIES A RHYME FOR IF.

By Sydney Smith



NO TRACE OF MEN WHO ROBBED TRAIN

Amount of Booty Secured Not Determined

REPORTS CONFLICTING

Agent at Mobile Declares Bandits Got Less Than \$100 While the Corinth Report Says Large Amount Was Secured

Corinth, Miss., March 20.—After an all day search of the densely wooded Tuscumbia river bottoms near Corinth, railroad and express company detectives and several local posses reported tonight that they had found no trace of the five men who held up Mobile and Ohio passenger train No. 4 near this city last night.

Express company officials declined to say today as to the amount of money and valuables secured by the robbers. It is understood, however, that the contents of the express safe, which was rifled, was valued in excess of \$30,000.

Mobile, March 20.—Agent Holbrook of the Southern Express company stated to an Associated Press correspondent today that he was positive that the robbers did not obtain more than \$100 in the hold up of north bound train No. 4 on the Mobile and Ohio, which left this city yesterday.

He stated early today that very little money is carried on this train and what money was shipped from Mobile was gotten rid of before the train reached Okolona, Miss. Express Messenger Fisher, one of the men sharing in the watch, arrived here later and said it could be safely stated that the amount secured was very small. He said that hardly any valuable packages were in the safe as the big packages leave Meridian on the trains at night.

Chief Special Agent C. S. Griffin of the Mobile and Ohio and a score of Southern Express detectives from Mobile, Meridian and Montgomery are on the scene.

Boonville, Miss., March 20.—Sheriffs deputies from Prentiss and Alcorn counties today located the place near Alcorn switch, six miles south of Corinth, where the train bandits tied their horses last night before holding up the Mobile and Ohio northbound train. They robbed the express car and immediately started the pursuit through Tuscumbia river.

No word had reached the sheriff's office here from any member of the posse beyond the early information.

GOVERNOR GOES TO CASTLEBERRY TODAY

Montgomery, March 20.—(Special.)—The state high school commission will go to Castleberry, in Conecuh county, tomorrow for the purpose of looking over a site offered by that place for a county high school.

The governor announced that he would go to Birmingham from Castleberry. Whether or not the chief executive's trip will have to do with a further investigation of the Lewisburg tragedy could not be definitely ascertained, though it is presumed the governor will look into the matter while in the Magic City.

WASH AT THE Empire

PHONES 226

Have you noticed—

The way your collars come back?

The way your shirts are put up?

The method of doing up the buttons?

All these constitute laundry service.

Members of L. N. A. of A.

Laundry

1022 SECOND AVE.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

Raleigh, N. C.—The North Carolina democratic state executive committee tonight unanimously selected Raleigh and Thursday, June 6, as the time and place of holding the democratic state convention.

Lawrence, Mass.—The 750 weavers of the wool mill of the American Woolen company, who yesterday walked from the mill, voted tonight to return to work tomorrow morning.

Paris.—A bill has been passed by the chamber of deputies exempting from duty handies made of ash for agricultural instruments, providing they are unpolished.

New Orleans.—W. B. Thompson, former president of the New Orleans cotton exchange, was today appointed receiver of the defunct cotton firm of E. Martin & Co., which yesterday filed voluntary bankruptcy proceedings in the United States district court.

Chicago.—Circuit Judge Windes today denied the petition for a writ of prohibition to prevent a presidential preference primary in Chicago in connection with the regular state primary on April 9.

Portland, Me.—South Portland, the first city in Maine to elect delegates to the republican state convention in Bangor, April 10, has instructed its delegates in favor of Roosevelt.

San Marcus, Tex.—Tom Ruby was today declared not guilty of murder for killing George Locke at Buda, Tex., while enforcing a recent meningitis quarantine.

Boston.—Woman suffrage and the election of United States senators by direct vote measures were defeated in the Senate today by close votes.

St. Louis.—Circuit Judge Kinsey decided today in the mandamus suit of the Standard Oil company against the Waters-Pierce Oil company that it is competent for the Waters-Pierce company to submit proof that the Standard Oil owners are not seeking to perpetuate the Standard Oil monopoly through individual control of corporations owned by the Standard before its dissolution.

Indianapolis.—In district conventions in this city tonight Indiana democrats elected delegates to the national convention. The delegates were not instructed.

Chicago.—The conviction of the packers charged with criminal violation of the

MAKE HOMESTEAD LAWS LESS DRASTIC

Speaker Clark Urges Passage of Bill—Secretary Fisher Opposes It

Washington, March 20.—The House devoted today to a bill liberalizing the homestead laws by reducing from five to three years the period of residence required on public land to prove title. Homesteaders will be permitted to absent themselves from their homesteads five months in each year. The legislation making less drastic the existing laws governing settlement has been sought for years.

For the first time this session Speaker Clark took the floor and urged the passage of the bill. The bill was virtually completed when the House adjourned. The bill is not favored by Secretary Fisher of the interior department. It has passed the Senate.

BANKING INSTITUTE HOLDS GOOD MEETING

There were about 80 members present last night at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium at the meeting of the Birmingham chapter of the American Institute of Banking. The debate proved very interesting and the adding machine contest was much enjoyed.

The debate was participated in by Allen Daly of the American Trust and Savings bank, Mr. Collins of the Traders National bank, J. D. Dickson of the Birmingham Trust and Savings company and R. A. L. Wilkes of the First National bank. The question was: "Resolved, That the Privilege of Stopping the Payment of Checks Facilitates Business." The affirmative won.

The adding machine contest was open to the entire membership. Two hundred and fifty checks were given to each contestant and the man who added them in the shortest time and did it correctly won first prize. Three prizes were awarded of \$10, \$5 and \$2.50 each. The winners were W. V. Bartlett, first prize 4 minutes, 13 seconds; C. M. Gilley, second, 4 minutes, 35 seconds; R. C. Perkins, third, 4 minutes, 25 seconds.

MEMBERS OF A. F. & A. M. WOODLAW'S FRATERNAL LODGE NO. 525, ARE REQUESTED TO MEET AT THEIR HALL AT 230 THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF A BROTHER M. L. MARSH.

P. E. DANIEL, W. M. C. G. WETZEL, SECRETARY.

Sherman law was asked for in the closing statements of the prosecution today. It was asked that they be sentenced without further question. The case is expected to go to the jury Friday.

St. Petersburg.—Commander Harry Howe, naval attaché from the United States, is to represent the United States at the international conference for the revisions of the navigation laws of the world which meets here in July.

Annapolis, Md.—An amended presidential preferential primary bill was introduced in the senate today. Governor Goldsborough who favors the renomination of President Taft favors a presidential primary law.

New York.—Genevieve Summerville Nicodemus, young and attractive, who killed her husband, Francis, a traveling salesman last October, was placed on trial for murder today. The defense probably will be mental irresponsibility.

Norfolk, Va.—Two contesting delegates, instructed for Theodore Roosevelt for the republican presidential nomination, were chosen here today at a "mess convention," composed exclusively of negroes from the second congressional district.

London.—The Queen Mary, Great Britain's twenty-fifth dreadnaught, was launched today at Jarrow, in the presence of thousands of spectators.

Cincinnati.—Chief of Police William H. Jackson was suspended by Mayor Hunt today after he had testified in the police court that he did not know the Gottleib, who was charged with operating a hand-book, and with being a known gambler.

London.—Four alleged German spies were arrested today on the Isle of Wight. They were discovered within the precincts of St. Helen's fort on the west side of the island and opposite the Portsmouth naval harbor.

Columbus, O.—A call was issued today by Walter F. Brown, chairman of the republican state central committee, for a meeting of that body in Columbus on March 20, to decide upon the time and manner for nominating state ticket and delegates to the republican national convention.

Washington.—The democratic excise tax bill, passed by the House yesterday, was reported to the Senate today and referred to the finance committee. Republicans concede considerable support for the measure in the Senate may be foreshadowed by the unexpected strength shown in the House.

Columbus, O.—Columbus is to be made the national headquarters for the Harmon presidential propaganda. This announcement was made today by Hugh L. Nichols of Ohio, campaign manager for Governor Harmon.

NINE KILLED BY GAS EXPLOSION

Scanton, Pa., March 20.—Nine persons were killed today by a gas explosion thought to have been caused by mine settlements.

The dead are: Mrs. John Cavalla and her five children, Mrs. Vito Summa, Mrs. Cavalla's daughter, and her two children.

The explosion was caused by mine settlements. It is thought. Two were more or less severely injured and seven were killed. The explosion occurred in the mine, either blown to atoms or burned to death in the fire following. Three houses were destroyed. The children ranged in age from 4 years to 20 years. A little girl named Mary was found in a tree.

More than 20 dwellings near the scene of the explosion were badly damaged by the concussion and flying debris.

ANOTHER CAUCUS ON NAVAL PROGRAMME

Washington, March 20.—By order of the House committee on naval affairs, Representative Padgett of Tennessee, chairman, circulated a petition among the democratic members of the House for a caucus to reconsider the action taken several weeks ago declaring against any appropriation for battleships this year. He was soon assured of enough signatures to demand a call for a caucus, which probably will take place Monday night.

NOTICE.

Headquarters state executive committee of the democratic and conservative party of Alabama.

Montgomery, Ala., March 19, 1912. To the Democrats of Alabama: In compliance with the resolution of the state executive committee of the democratic and conservative party of Alabama, I hereby give notice that the only candidates who qualified to go before the state democratic convention on April 17, 1912, to receive the democratic nomination as candidates for associate justices of the supreme court of Alabama are as follows:

Judge Thomas C. McClellan of Limestone county.

Judge A. D. Sayre of Montgomery county.

Under the resolutions calling said convention the foregoing will be the only names presented to said convention. Witness my hand as chairman of the state executive committee of the democratic and conservative party of Alabama, this 19th day of March, 1912.

TYLER GOODWYN, Chairman.

MANY HEAR HOBSON AT CARROLLTON

Speaks in Kindest Terms of Opponent—Model Highway in Pickens

Carrollton, March 20.—(Special.)—Capt. R. P. Hobson, congressman from the Sixth district, spoke to a large audience here yesterday and consumed two hours in his argument why he should be returned to Congress. He spoke of his opponent, Senator Frank S. Moody, in the kindest of terms, and stated that he regretted the fact that Mr. Moody had been pulled into the race by a crowd of young "court-house politicians." He paid a tribute to the "flying squadron" who are out over the district in the interest of Senator Moody and said that they had been "dubbed" the "flying squadron" in the northern portion of the district.

ANNOUNCE DATES OF COLONEL ROOSEVELT

Washington, March 20.—Part of the itinerary of Colonel Roosevelt on his western speaking trip next week was announced here tonight by Senator Joseph M. Dixon, chairman of the Roosevelt executive committee.

Tuesday, March 26, leave New York 5 p. m.

Wednesday, March 27, arrive at Chicago 2 p. m.

Leave Chicago 11:43 p. m.

Thursday, March 28, arrive St. Louis 7:58 a. m.

Leave St. Louis 10:30 p. m. by special train overtaking the regular St. Paul train at Cedar Rapids, Ia., at 8 a. m. Friday.

Friday, March 29, arrive at St. Paul 5 p. m. Leave St. Paul at 11:30 p. m.

Saturday, March 30, arrive in Chicago at noon.

The itinerary east of Chicago on the return trip has not been arranged.

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NEW TURN MAY PROLONG SUGAR TRIAL FOR MONTHS

New York, March 20.—The trial of John E. Parsons, Washington B. Thomas and other officials of the American Sugar Refining company, under the criminal clause of the Sherman law took a turn today that may prolong it for many months. This prospect came to view when district attorney tried to put into evidence testimony to show that for a long time, the policy of the "trust" had been to purchase and close down rival sugar plants to monopolize the industry.

Charles R. Helke, former secretary of the company, whose conviction for underweighing frauds is now under appeal, is the witness through whom the district attorney started in an effort to prove this policy. Helke's testimony had not fairly begun before counsel for the defense raised a storm of protest.

In the argument that followed the prosecutor said he intended to show by Helke that the company closed down refineries whenever they interfered with its business and it gathered in between 30 and 40 refineries and only operated four.

Mr. Wise finally obtained consent to admit the convicted secretary's testimony.

MARYLAND HAS A BRIBERY SCANDAL

Annapolis, Md., March 20.—Delegate Smallwood of Prince George's county this afternoon, in the house of delegates, charged that a man who was introduced to him as John O'Malley, offered him a bribe of \$2500 to vote against the local option bill.

The house previously by a vote of 51 to 45 had substituted the favorable minority report for the unfavorable majority report of the temperance committee.

A committee was appointed to investigate Smallwood's charge. Smallwood gave a detailed statement concerning the alleged attempt at bribery.

John F. O'Malley, newly appointed state senator, tonight denied stories to the effect that he was the O'Malley charged with approaching Smallwood.

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ADAMS GUILTY OF KILLING OFFICER

Negro Who Killed Montgomery Policeman Must Hang

Montgomery, March 20.—(Special.)—John Adams, the negro who shot and killed Policeman T. W. Berry, of the Montgomery police department, in October, 1910, was today for the second time convicted and sentenced to be hanged for this crime. The jury who heard the case was more than fifteen hours, having four hours after their retirement asked that they be discharged on the grounds that they were hopelessly divided. Judge Gaston, superior judge of the city court, before whom the case was tried, refused to dismiss the jury, and about 12 hours later the jury returned to the court with a verdict of murder in the first degree. Immediately Judge Guntor announced that he would later in the week set the date for the negro's execution.

An appeal will be taken by Adams' counsel to the supreme court, and it is probable that the case will not reach that tribunal before the fall term of court.

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ARE INVESTIGATING SECRETARY KNOX

Charge His Valet Is Paid by the Government

MR. HAMLIN TESTIFIES

Expenses of Knox's Trip Can Be Paid Out of Emergency Diplomatic Fund—Officials Are Reticent

Washington, March 20.—The House committee on state department expenditures in investigating statements that Secretary of State Knox uses a private servant, Archibald S. Pinkert, a negro, carried on the state department payroll. It is alleged Pinkert is accompanying Mr. Knox on a valet on his tour of South and Central America. Pinkert is said to have been employed by Mr. Knox when he was in the United States Senate.

"We have R. F. Clayton, superintendent of the state department mailing room, before us," said Chairman Hamlin of the committee today. "He told us that while Pinkert was carried on the mailing room payroll he has not been at work there more than one-third of the time in three years, and that the remainder of the time he was engaged at Secretary Knox's home cleaning automobiles."

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DAY IN CONGRESS

Senate in session 2 p. m.

Finance committee held hearing on chemical tariff reduction bill.

Passed fortifications appropriations bill.

Foreign relations committee considered Honduran and Nicaraguan loan treaties.

Adjourned 5:30 p. m. until 2 p. m. today.

House met at midday.

State department began investigation of Secretary Knox's alleged use of department employees as valets.

House considers bills on regular Wednesday calendar; minority report of interstate committee received against Panama; government bill contends tolls against ships from the west coast; consular reform advocates appear before foreign affairs committee; Sulzer bill providing against political affiliations in consular service held reprehensible.

Chairman Padgett, by order of naval committee, circulated petition among democrats to reconsider former caucus declaration against battleships appropriation this year.

Adjourned at 5:45 p. m. until noon today.

HURLED FROM AUTO NEAR BAY MINETTE

Bay Minette, March 20.—(Special.)—An automobile accident about two miles from town at 9 o'clock last night resulted in serious injuries to Mr. Munn of Atmore and A. B. McPhaul of Mobile. The parties were coming into this place, headed for Atmore, when their machine ran into a ditch at the side of the road and both occupants were thrown head first out of the machine. Dr. Munn was injured so severely that stitches were required to place his wounds in healing condition. Mr. McPhaul is able to be about town this morning but is badly bruised. The machine is in a badly wrecked condition.

Sovereigns As Collectors

From the London Post.

"The ex-sultan Abdul Hamid had in his palace the finest collection of precious stones ever brought together, some of which were recently sold in Paris. The tastes of the Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria run in the same direction. His collection of diamonds, sapphires and emeralds is estimated to be worth £500,000."

SCHOOL WORK HERE WILL BE INSPECTED

Montgomery, March 20.—(Special.)—Superintendent of Education Henry J. Willingham announced today that the public schools of Birmingham will remain open until 2 o'clock on the day of April 4, for the purpose of allowing the teachers of the state who will convene in annual convention in that city on that date an opportunity of seeing the work of the Birmingham schools.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Interstate Casualty Company will be held in the offices of the company, First National Bank building, Birmingham, Alabama, on Tuesday, April 9, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m.

H. M. ARCHIBALD, JR., Secretary.

Wouldn't Take a Chance

From the Houston Post.

"I suppose you took a look at Wall street while you were in New York?"

"Nope, didn't go near it."

"Why, everyone who goes to New York pays Wall street a visit."

"I know, but I didn't have any place to leave my money while I went."

John W. Prude

106 N. 21st Street